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Burnett



From time to time, we like to take note of contributions to UCLA that don't involve bricks and mortar. From the [UCLA Newsroom](#):

Hollywood icon Carol Burnett has endowed a scholarship at the UCLA School of Theater, Film and Television (TFT). The scholarship will support high-potential undergraduate students in the school's Ray Bolger Musical Theater Program. Thanks to the endowment from the beloved star of stage, film and television, the TFT department of theater, which houses the Ray Bolger Musical Theater Program, will administer the scholarship. Each year, with the Carol Burnett Endowed Undergraduate Scholarship in Music Theater, a new student will receive a substantial award to help offset the cost of tuition and fees, beginning this year

with Alexa Cruz, a currently enrolled member of the class of 2029.

"I am so pleased that, with this endowment of the Carol Burnett Scholarship to the UCLA School of Theater, Film & Television, students will be given an opportunity akin to what UCLA gave me when I enrolled fresh out of high school," Burnett said. "I found my true passion at UCLA, and in this scholarship lies the hope that it will do the same for many others for many years to come." ...

Full story at <https://newsroom.ucla.edu/releases/carol-burnett-endows-scholarship-ucla-theater-film-television-school>.

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From the [Yale Daily News](#): Yale College Dean Pericles Lewis announced on Wednesday morning that the two non-competitive opportunities for undergraduates receiving financial aid to obtain funding to travel abroad, participate in internships or conduct research will be reduced to one after summer 2026. Beginning in summer 2027, the International Study Award and the Summer Experience Award will be replaced by a non-competitive, one-time-use Summer Experience Grant, which will fund "one approved summer program, including Yale Summer Session Abroad, research and internships," according to Lewis' email announcement. The change is a part of Yale College's effort to reduce its budget in anticipation of the endowment tax hike, Lewis wrote in the announcement.



"You could reduce financial aid during the academic year, but that would mean that some students who were needy would either have to pay more or might choose to go to one of our peer institutions that was more generous," Lewis said in an interview. "I figured among all of the options, the best option was to reduce summer support rather than support during the academic year." ...

Full story at <https://yaledailynews.com/blog/2025/11/13/yale-halves-chances-for-financial-aid-recipients-to-claim-summer-funds/>.

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Statements - Part 2

Yesterday, we referenced the meeting of the UCLA Legislative Assembly which considered a resolution calling on UCLA to share budgetary data with the Academic Senate. (It passed 115 to 1.) In yesterday's post, we noted that the UCLA medical center had its budgetary documents available online and available to the Regents and asked why current documentation for the general campus could not similarly be available.

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express viewpoints that would offend campus liberals," he wrote in a message to The Herald. "I have had students tell me more recently that they were afraid to express views about Trump, Israel and American politics generally." ...

Full story at <https://www.browndailyherald.com/article/2025/11/they-would-be-ostracized-over-45-of-students-have-felt-uncomfortable-expressing-political-beliefs-herald-poll-finds>.

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Will Harvard Continue to Lead the Charge? - Part 90



From the [Harvard Crimson](#): *Harvard custodians launched a strike shortly after 10 a.m. [this past] Monday after union negotiations broke down on the eve of their contract's expiration, their first strike in at least 50 years. Roughly 60 workers, who are represented by the Service Employees International Union 32BJ, began picketing in Harvard Yard and outside Harvard Medical School. According to a union press release, the strike is planned to last through Tuesday, when contracted custodial staff are encouraged to stop work and picket.*

But unlike most strikes, workers represented by the union did not vote to authorize the action.

32BJ Executive Vice President Kevin Brown said the union bypassed the usual vote in a Saturday meeting because the bargaining committee was unanimous in its disapproval of Harvard's proposals presented at a Thursday bargaining session...

Full story at <https://www.thecrimson.com/article/2025/11/17/harvard-custodian-strike/>.

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Statements

As blog readers will know, at a meeting of the UCLA Legislative Assembly last week, there was a call for the Senate to have access to basic financial documents for the general campus. As we noted yesterday, it passed 115 to 1. The problem is that when you look for timely documents of that type for UCLA on the web, you don't find them.

It might be worth noting in that regard that if you look at today's agenda for the Regents meeting of the Health Services Committee, you will find such documentation for the various medical centers, including UCLA's.* There are statements of assets and liabilities (balance sheets) and revenues and expenditures (income statements) for the last two fiscal years.

If the medical centers - including UCLA - can make such statements available to the general public, why can't UCLA do it for the general campus? Just an obvious question...

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*<https://regents.universityofcalifornia.edu/regmeet/nov25/h3attach1.pdf>. (Pages 60 and beyond of the pdf.)

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University of California Medical Centers - Statements of Financial Position									
Assets	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Current assets	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Investments	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Property and equipment	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Other assets	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Total assets	\$4,000,000	\$4,000,000	\$4,000,000	\$4,000,000	\$4,000,000	\$4,000,000	\$4,000,000	\$4,000,000	\$4,000,000
Current liabilities	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Long-term liabilities	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Other liabilities	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Total liabilities	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000
Net assets	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000

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